Request for Quote – Floating Body armour

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# THE CONTRACTING aUTHORITY

## The first duty of the Government is to keep citizens safe and the country secure. The Home office (the Authority) plays a fundamental role in the security and economic prosperity of the UK and supports International Border Force regions. The Home Office is the lead Government Department for immigration and passports, drugs policy, crime, fire, counter terrorism, and police.

## Further detail can be accessed here: [Home Office - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office) The standard Home office procurement and contract management governance applies to this procurement in alignment with the call off terms and conditions of this Blue-lights framework.

## The Authority will be using the standard government short form contract. These Terms and Conditions will apply to any contract awarded at the conclusion of this procurement (Appendix 2).

# Background to requirement/OVERVIEW of requirement

## Home Office International Operations has officers stationed in 43 countries worldwide with a mandated responsibility to tackle upstream, the flow of illicit commodities including controlled drugs, firearms, illicit cash, irregular migration, human trafficking and modern slavery. This is achieved by the sharing, capture, enhancement and dissemination of information and intelligence with the primary aim to identify, disrupt and dismantle the Organised Crime Gangs (OCG’s) who are involved in these illicit activities.

## Where host agencies lack a specific capability HOIO will provide capability building including training, equipment, infrastructure and digital solutions as an enabler for the host agencies to sustainably tackle the criminal threat that would otherwise harm or compromise it’s border integrity or harm the UK or UK interests overseas.

## Serious & Organised Crime (SOC) within the maritime sector including drugs, firearms and people trafficking is of growing concern throughout the HOIO network and with many host agencies lacking the skills, tactics, infrastructure and equipment to address the threat, many OCG’s are exploiting these vulnerabilities. The MPP has been developed to robustly address these vulnerabilities by providing host agencies with the skills and tactics to operate safely and efficiently within the maritime environment and will provide additional opportunities to interdict smuggled people and illicit commodities before they are landed and onward shipped to Europe and the United Kingdom.

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# The STATEMENT OF requirement

## **Goods**

## The Home Office require supply of body armour capable of providing buoyancy of at least 40N to the wearer without the need to inflate a life jacket system.

## This should also include the following features:

## Provisions to accommodate removable soft ballistic panel covering the full torso region (front, back, sides).

## Provision for additional removable front and rear hard ballistic plates to the level of the specification below

## Minimum Level of protection HO2 and KR2 (UK Home office compliance) must be evidenced/Certification.

## The system will have no ballistic gaps when snapped together or when scaled up for full ballistic order, the overlap will be between 30-50mm meeting STANAG 2920 (This is the NATO standard for personal body armour)

## The ballistic insert must be able to withstand impact resulting from accidental drop with no effect on its ballistic protection capability.

## Armour coverage: Full torso area coverage (front, back, sides). In addition, with no space or gaps to ensure full coverage of protection to the user.

## The system will have NO hook or loop (Velcro) in the assembly or fitting of the system or any external fittings

## Must have shoulder pads to ease the tension from the shoulder and provide heat dissipation

## Must be an Option to Attach a Dedicated life jacket unit for seaborne operations that would work with the vest when inflated or dormant

## The system shall have eyelets to express any trapped water

## The body armour will be provided in black with Velcro area for attaching identification patches as required by end user.

## The total quantity required is expected to be confirmed as 120 units, in a mixture of sizes:

10 Medium

55 Large

50 XL

5 XXL

## The supplier to deliver the body armour to a UK address where it will be forwarded on to its final destination in Africa.

# PRICING

## 4.1 Please complete the prices in the table below.

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|  | Hardware (unit price) (£) | Qty Required | Total Price excl. VAT (£) |
| Body Armour Medium | £0.00 | 10 | £0.00 |
| Body Armour Large | £0.00 | 55 | £0.00 |
| Body Armour XL | £0.00 | 50 | £0.00 |
| Body Armour XXL | £0.00 | 5 | £0.00 |
| Delivery | £0.00 | 1 | £0.00 |

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# Questions

## Please use this space to confirm your equipment conforms to the specification laid out in 3.1 – 3.12 adding any extra detail as appropriate.

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## 5.2 Please advise how quickly you anticipate being able to deliver the equipment. Answer in terms of weeks from contract award.

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# Submission

## Pease send the completed document to [HOIOCommercialInbox@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:HOIOCommercialInbox@homeoffice.gov.uk) by 23:59 on 19th November 2024

# Appendix

## Please find attached the Terms and Conditions that will be used to formalise the agreement.